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Dear Ed:

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I have just written Twitty that he should be considering other candidates. This didn't ~~shut~~ the door altogether on our own interest, but there are too many uncertainties about supporting appointments in Biochemistry, and the further development of Microbiology at Stanford. If someone like Roger Stanier were moved in at the same time, or if you were only there yourself, it might be a very different decision.

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I did have this proposal, and want to enlist your support. Cavalli is much interested in coming ~~to~~ to the U.S. I don't expect Stanford, at this distance, to make a firm contract with him. What I proposed was that they offer him a one-year's visiting professorship, which could be to everyone's advantage. It could even keep our own log smoldering a while, but I imagine they would be more than pleased with Luca after they get to know him. What do you think of this? (Don't tell me, tell Vic if he asks.)

We've had a wonderful time at Palo Alto, and if we end up at Berkeley hope to cultivate Stanford as much as possible. Cliff Grobstein has been signed up, and that's a wonderful deal all the way around.

We hope to see you around April 1. Thanks for agreeing to hold any mail. That is I hope you agree.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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